

Thought for the week: "When our minds are stuffed with current ideas, we cannot be truly creative because there is no room for anything new."  
-- religion scholar Karen Armstrong

## Social Science Research Council Seeks Research Directors

The Social Science Research Council is announcing a new program of fellowships and workshops for predissertation research and dissertation proposal development. The DPDF program is designed to intervene at a critical moment in the career development of graduate students in the humanities and social sciences by aiding their transition from students to researchers. .

The DPDF program invites interested faculty from U.S. universities to participate as research directors leading groups of 10-12 graduate student fellows in two four-day workshops. Each group will be led by two

research directors, who will receive a stipend of \$7,500 each.

The Faculty Advisory Committee of the DPDF program is actively recruiting senior faculty to lead small groups of graduate fellows in two workshops (scheduled for May 17-20 and September 6-9, 2007) that frame summer predissertation research in a series of research fields. Research fields can be topical in focus (e.g., youth and generational change, governance of empire, liberalism), transnational in scope (e.g., diasporas and refugees, illicit flows or border disputes), or comparative (e.g., studies of social entitlement, urban cultures, or collective protest).

The Faculty Advisory Committee select five research fields, each proposed by two faculty research directors with different institutional affiliations and research areas. Research directors should be tenured, experienced supervisors of thesis research. Each faculty member will receive a stipend of \$7,500; students will receive up to \$5,000 for summer predissertation research. Although there is no formal application process, letters of interest are due **November 15, 2006**. For more information, including details related to letters of interest, visit [www.ssrc.org/programs/dpdf/](http://www.ssrc.org/programs/dpdf/).

## Grants for North African Studies Available

The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) is announcing its annual Grants Program covering the academic year beginning in June 2007. The program offers grants to scholars interested in conducting research on North Africa in any Maghribi country. AIMS sponsors three Overseas Research Centers in the region and all AIMS grants are categorized by where research will be conducted. Currently, opportunities exist for research in Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, and Mauritania. Proposals for multi-country research are also welcome.

All categories of AIMS grants offer both long and short-term

research awards. AIMS awards short-term grants for one to three months for up to \$6,000. Approximately five awards, with a maximum of \$15,000 each, are available for projects of three to nine months in duration.

Graduate students currently enrolled in an M.A. or Ph.D. program, independent scholars, and faculty in all disciplines are eligible to apply. All applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applicants must be members of AIMS at the time of application. For membership and grant information contact AIMS Executive Office at [aimscmes@u.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@u.arizona.edu). The deadline for applications is Friday, **December 1, 2006**.

## Submission Guide

Submissions for publication in *Monday Morning* should be placed in the submission box in Monteith Hall, Room 137, or can be submitted by email to Wes Renfro at [wesley.renfro@uconn.edu](mailto:wesley.renfro@uconn.edu). Please feel free to submit any suggestions or comments. If you would like to submit publications, presentations, invited talks, etc. for *Monday Morning*, please include an abstract of your work so it may be published.

## New York University Sponsoring Israeli Studies Series

The Taub Center for Israel Studies is sponsoring an Israeli Studies Workshop at New York University for the 2006 - 2007 academic year. The first meeting is scheduled for **October 27, 2006**. The workshop is intended to provide a forum in which scholars can present either new work or work in progress in order to receive critical and constructive feedback from faculty and graduate students from universities in New York and surrounding areas.

Each workshop will be devoted to the discussion of two papers

(distributed to the group beforehand), one by a faculty member (including visiting Israeli scholars) and one by a current graduate student. The format will be informal and is intended to encourage the development of a community of scholars engaged in the study of Israel, the Yishuv and Zionism. Stipends are available to cover travel expenses for those coming from outside New York City. The workshop will meet on either the last Friday or last Sunday each month (depending on the wishes of the participants) and lunch

will be provided. This is a great opportunity to meet other scholars working on Israel and develop the Israel studies community in the New York area. The number of participants will be limited. For further details and to register, please apply to:

Taub Center for Israel Studies  
 Skirball Dept. of Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
 New York University  
 53 Washington Square South  
 New York, NY 10012  
 email: [fas.taubcenter@nyu.edu](mailto:fas.taubcenter@nyu.edu).

## Brookings Institution Seeks Doctoral Research Fellows

The Brookings Institution invites nominations of advanced predoctoral students to be candidates for Brookings Research Fellowships for 2007-2008. The fellowships are designed for candidates whose dissertation topics are directly related to public policy and political institutions, and thus to the major interests of the Brookings Institution, and whose research would benefit from residence in Washington at Brookings. Fellows will be affiliated with one of four participating

Brookings research programs: Foreign Policy Studies, Governance Studies, Metropolitan Policy, and Global Economy and Development. The fellowships carry a stipend of \$22,000, payable on a ten-month basis, for nine months of research in residence at Brookings and one month of vacation. The Institution will provide up to \$1,500 supplementary assistance for reimbursement of expenses for research-related travel, copying and other essential research

requirements, plus access to a personal computer and the Institution's main server and networks. The fellows chosen will be expected to pursue their research at the Brookings Institution beginning on or about September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Fellows are invited to participate in conferences and seminars hosted by Brookings. For more information and application procedures visit, [www.brookings.edu/admin/brf\\_fellowship.htm](http://www.brookings.edu/admin/brf_fellowship.htm)

<b>2006-2007 Political Science Colloquia Calendar</b>			
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Speaker (affiliation), Title [Outside Event Sponsor, if applicable]</b>
Wednesday, March 21	12:00 PM	Class of '47 Room, Babbidge Library	Joanne Bauer (former Director of Studies at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs), TBD [co-sponsored with Human Rights Institute]
Thursday, April 5	12:30 PM	TBD	Morris Fiorina (Stanford University), TBD

Schedule is tentative. All information subject to change. For more information, please contact Professor Morrell at [michael.morrell@uconn.edu](mailto:michael.morrell@uconn.edu).